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<b>Office Action Summary</b>	<b>Application No.</b>	<b>Applicant(s)</b>	
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#### Period for Reply

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- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
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#### Status

- 1) ☐ Responsive to communication(s) filed on \_\_\_\_.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

#### Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-6 is/are pending in the application:
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) \_\_\_\_ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-6 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

#### Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 19 September 2006 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.  
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).  
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

#### Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some \* c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
  - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_.
  - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

\* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

#### Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)            | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413)           |
| 2) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)   | Paper No(s)/Mail Date. ____                                       |
| 3) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO/SB/08) | 5) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Informal Patent Application |
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## DETAILED ACTION

### *Priority*

Receipt is acknowledged of papers submitted under 35 U.S.C. 119(a)-(d), which papers have been placed of record in the file.

### ***Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102***

(The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

Regarding to claims 1-6 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102 (b) as being anticipated by Maue et al. (5,478,244).

Regarding to claim 1, Maue et al. discloses an integrated electronic module structure for vehicles constructed using one connector for each wire harness (**13**) structure (**14**) comprising:

A first printed circuit board (**33**) having fuses (**15**) and relay circuits (**17**) mounted thereon; (column **3**, lines **26-50**) thereon;

A second PCB (**37**) having input/output (I/O) terminals (**99 and 100**) (see figure **1**); and

A PCB (**33 and 37**) connecting the first (**33**) and second PCBs (**37**). (Column 3, lines **43-50**). (Column 3, lines **43-50**) (see figures **1 and 2**).

Regarding to claim 2, Maue et al. discloses the connector comprises a multi-pole connector (**39**), and

A circuit connected between the first PCB (**33**) and the I/O terminals (**99 and 100**) of the second PCB (**37**), and a circuit connected between the second PCB (**37**) and I/O connectors (**99 and 100**) of the second PCB (**37**) are integrated in one multi-pole connector (**39**), and thus the first PCB (**33**) and the second PCB (**37**) can be constructed using one multi-pole connector (**39**) for each wire harness (**13**). (Column 3, lines **43-50**) (See figures **1 and 2**).

Regarding to claim 3, Maue et al. discloses the first PCB (**33**) is a junction box (**11**) for vehicles. (See figure **1**).

Regarding to claim 4, Maue et al. discloses the second PCB (**37**) is an electronic control module (**19**) for vehicles. (Column 4, lines **34-36**) (see figure **14**).

Regarding to claim 5, Maue et al. discloses the PCB (**33**) connecting unit is composed of connecting pins (**99 and 100**).

Regarding to claim 6, Maue et al. discloses the connecting pins (**99 and 100**) are directly inserted into the first PCB (**33**) and into a part corresponding to the I/O terminals (**121**) of the second PCB (**37**), then soldered, and external injection molded parts (**53**) are formed to have connectors that constitute a pair of male (**98**) and female connectors (**100**) together with the multi-pole connectors (**39**) of the wire harness (**13**). (Column **4**, lines **37-59**).

### ***Conclusion***

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Andargie M. Aychillhum whose telephone number is (571 )270-1607. The examiner can normally be reached on (Mon-Fri from 8:30-5:00).

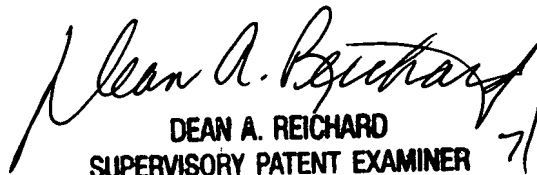
If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Reichard Dean can be reached on 571-272-1984. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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